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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit:

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Serial No: National Phase of PCT/FR98/02579

Filed: concurrently herewith

For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION OF AN
ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows :

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A composition containing an active agent encapsulated within multilamellar vesicles [presenting an onion-structure and constituted, from their peripheries to their centers, by concentric membranes in the form of bi-layers comprising at least one surfactant, said membranes being separated by an interstitial liquid, the composition being characterized in that] in the form of a regular stack of concentric bi-layers comprising at least one surfactant, said